



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Clark County

In September 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Megan A. Conahan** (RN00154819), also known as Megan A. Generaux, with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Kristin A. Davis** (NA00197086), also known as Kristin A. Bicknel, with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly abused a vulnerable adult.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Penny J. Linson** (NA00080381) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took controlled substances from her place of employment for her own use.

## Clallam County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Laurie M. Morehead** (NA00159879) with unprofessional conduct. After caring for a vulnerable adult patient who died, she allegedly entered a personal relationship with the patient's husband, accepted gifts from him, and kissed him. She allegedly failed to get adequate treatment for him after a fall and he died from complications.

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### **Franklin County**

In September 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Helen Henrikson** (LP00044172) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Grant County**

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Carole J. Bloom** (NA00168175) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly falsified the number of hours she actually worked, and encouraged a patient to assist her in falsely reporting her work hours.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In September 2010 the Board of Occupational Therapy granted the application of occupational therapy assistant **Willis Jay Grinols IV** (OC60165362) and placed conditions against his credential. He was convicted of driving under the influence, and assault. He entered into deferred prosecution for later charges of driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, and ignition interlock violation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential.

In September 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Patrick Michael McDaniel** (CO60174130) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of violation of the uniform controlled substances act — methamphetamine on more than one occasion, robbery, and forgery. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

### **King County**

In September 2010 the Dental Commission charged dentist **John Brewster Bede** (DE00005217) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly took impressions of a patient's teeth for crowns but failed to provide the crowns to the patient. He also allegedly failed to provide the commission with copies of his treatment records despite the request.

In September 2010 the Board of Psychology entered into an agreed order with **Bruce J. Leksa** (PY00001102). He failed to comply with a previous order. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Phuong Nguyen** (HC00152299) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to remove the tourniquet from a patient's arm after drawing blood resulting in patient harm.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Nythanya K. Sa** (NC10072752) with unprofessional conduct. While providing in-home care, she allegedly allowed her children to live in the patients' home without their permission.

### **Kitsap County**

In September 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Lois S. Bresaw** (MD00024914) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to treat patients in a timely manner and failed to provide adequate care to the patients. She also failed to respond to pages in a timely manner or at all.

### **Pierce County**

In September 2010 the Massage Program reinstated the license of **Jeffery A. Bray** (MA00021118) and placed his license on probation for three years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs charged **Jeffrey Alexander Juengermann** (NA60078477, HC60034808) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient, and took the patient's vicodin without the patient's permission.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Leona C. Tudela** (NA60021418) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly financially exploited patients.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Shamon A. Williams** (NC10066133) and placed it on probation for two years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

### **Snohomish County**

In September 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Ganelle Lorae Hansen** (CO60154058) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of use/delivery of drug paraphernalia, and criminal trespass. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Heather J. Smith** (NA00122676) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for drugs during a workplace urinalysis following a complaint about obtaining and doing drugs with a client.

### **Spokane County**

In September 2010 the Massage Program charged **Melynda Bly** (MA00010727) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

In September 2010 the Board of Pharmacy granted the application of pharmacist **Kyle Shain Brown** (PH60175806) and placed conditions against his license. In December 2008 terms and conditions were placed against his license to practice as a pharmacy intern. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Heather L. Connor** (NA00195724, NC60016631) from terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Michelle Masterson Long** (NC10015154), also known as Michelle Masterson, with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole a debit card from a patient and used the card to make numerous purchases for her own benefit. She was charged with forgery, unlawful issuance of a bank check, and theft.

In September 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Thao Ropp** (VA00021759) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of theft, is prohibited from contacting or providing care to vulnerable adults, and has been excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and all federal health care programs.

In September 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program granted the application of emergency medical technician **Jeffery William Wagner** (ES60162491) and placed conditions against his license. He entered into a deferred prosecution for the charge of driving under the influence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In July 2010 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician **Robert H. Moon** (MD60069049). He was disciplined in California, convicted of petty theft, and is believed to be unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

**California:** In August 2010 the Dental Commission denied the application of dentist **David G. Mussone** (DE60058040). He reported he self-referred to an inpatient program for treatment of alcoholism.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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